



**Monday, November 9, 2020  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MEETING NO. 36-20  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

Approved: *Bridget Donnell Newton*  
Attest: *Sara Taylor-Ferrell*  
Approved Meeting No. 36-20;  
March 1, 2021

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**THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESIDING**

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Bridget Donnell Newton	Mayor	Present
Monique Ashton	Councilmember	Present
Beryl L. Feinberg	Councilmember	Present
David Myles	Councilmember	Present
Mark Pierzchala	Councilmember	Present

**1. Convene**

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The Mayor and Council convened in Open Session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday November 9, 2020 in a virtual meeting by WebEx.

Staff Present: City Manager Rob DiSpirito, Acting City Attorney Cynthia Walters, and City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

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Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Agenda Review**

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City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell reported no changes to the Agenda.

**4. City Manager's Report**

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City Manager Rob DiSpirito presented information on events and topics: City of Rockville has partnered with the Rockville Chamber of Commerce, Rockville Economic Development, Inc., and Montgomery County Economic Development Corp. for virtual Rockville Business Forum, on Monday, November 16 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. For more information, contact RED! Administrative Coordinator Alexis Castillo at [alexis@rockvilleredi.org](mailto:alexis@rockvilleredi.org).

Recognitions - (Ee-Shon-Vee Muh-lay-ah-null) Ishanvi Malayanil, a junior at Richard Montgomery High School who has been involved with an international nonprofit organization focused on female advocacy called Women Deliver will be joining a global youth delegation that will be speaking to various United Nations stakeholders on global issues. The virtual forum will be held on December 5 and is open to anyone. More information can be found at:

<https://youngaforum.com/>.

The Parks and Facilities administrative staff have continued managing operations throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The Public Works administrative staff at the Gude Drive Maintenance Facility have worked tirelessly to ensure the consistent delivery of the City's excellent Public Works services throughout the pandemic. The staff, including Tish Powell, Cheryl Vann, Julia Huang, Carolyn Gipson, Kaistha Ward and supported by Susan Fournier in City Hall have safely performed their critical roles in-person throughout the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure the City's residents continue to receive uninterrupted City services. The City thanks all employees for their continued hard work during these unprecedented times.

## **5. COVID-19 Update**

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Emergency Manager Dr. Mark Landahl provided an update of the COVID-19 pandemic impact on the City, County and State.

### **FURTHER DISCUSSION**

November 9, 2020 Agenda Item 5.

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## **6. Proclamation**

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### **A. Proclamation Declaring Sunday November 15, 2020 as America Recycles Day**

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Councilmember David Myles read and moved the Proclamation declaring Sunday November 15, 2020 as America Recycles Day in Rockville.

	<b>RESULT: UNANIMOUS</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	David Myles, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

## 7. Boards and Commissions Appointments and Reappointments

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Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton moved to appoint William Simon to the Board of Supervisors of Elections to serve a four-term until June 5, 2024.

	<b>RESULT: APPROVED [3-2]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg,
<b>NOT IN FAVOR:</b>	Councilmember David Myles, Councilmember Mark Pierzchala

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton moved to appoint Stephen H. Fisher to the Board of Supervisors of Elections to serve a four-year term until June 5, 2024.

	<b>RESULT: APPROVED [3-2]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg,
<b>NOT IN FAVOR:</b>	Councilmember David Myles, Councilmember Mark Pierzchala

### FURTHER DISCUSSION

November 9, 2020 Agenda Item 7.

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Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton read the new appointment of Frances Bevington to the Cultural Arts Commission to fill an unexpired two-year term until July 1, 2022.

	<b>RESULT: UNANIMOUS</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	David Myles, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton read the new appointment of Robert Summers-Berger to the Cultural Arts Commission to fill an unexpired term until January 1, 2023.

	<b>RESULT: UNANIMOUS</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	David Myles, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton read the new appointment of Heather Thompson to the Cultural Arts Commission to serve a three year term until November 1, 2023.

	<b>RESULT: UNANIMOUS</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	David Myles, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton read the new appointment of Nancy Light to the Historical District Commission to fill an unexpired three year term until June 1, 2023.

	<b>RESULT: UNANIMOUS</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton read the new appointment of Mercy N. Shenge to the Historical District Commission to serve a three year term until November 1, 2023.

<b>RESULT: UNANIMOUS</b>	
<b>MOVER:</b>	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton read the new appointment of Michele Marsden as a Consumer Representative to the Human Services Advisory Commission to serve a three year term until November 1, 2023.

<b>RESULT: UNANIMOUS</b>	
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	David Myles, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton read the new appointment of Amanda Schwartz as an At Large Representative to the Human Services Advisory Commission to serve a three year term until November 1, 2023.

<b>RESULT: UNANIMOUS</b>	
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	David Myles, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton read the reappointment of Edward Gonzague as a Landlord Representative to the Landlord-Tenant Affairs Commission to serve a three year term until September 1, 2023.

	<b>RESULT: UNANIMOUS</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton read the new appointment of Jason Hubbarth as an At Large Representative to the Landlord-Tenant Affairs Commission to serve a three year term until September 1, 2023.

	<b>RESULT: UNANIMOUS</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton read the new appointment of Elizabeth Fischer to the Rec and Parks Advisory Board to fill an unexpired term until June 1, 2021.

	<b>RESULT: UNANIMOUS</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	David Myles, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton read the new appointment of Katie Ostrowski to the Senior Citizens Commission to serve a three year term until November 1, 2023.

	<b>RESULT: UNANIMOUS</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Beryl L. Feinberg Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton read the new appointment of Kathleen Kleinmann to the Traffic and Transportation Commission to fill an unexpired term until February 1, 2022.

	<b>RESULT: UNANIMOUS</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Beryl L. Feinberg Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

## 8. Community Forum

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Name	Topic
<b>Speaker by Computer</b> David Celeste	Boards and Commissions Appointments, Board of Supervisors of Election Appointments
<b>Speaker by Phone</b> Steven VanGrack	COVID-19 Pandemic
<b>Speaker by Computer</b> Robert Kurnick	Board of Supervisors of Elections
<b>Speaker by phone</b> Graham Johnson	Board of Supervisors of Elections
<b>Speaker by phone</b> Rev. Jane Woods	Water and sewer rate increase
<b>Speaker by phone</b> Mike Stein	Property vandalized in the Twinbrook neighborhood

## 9. Mayor and Council's Response to Community Forum

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The Mayor and Council thanked everyone for participating in community forum.

## 10. Consent

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### A. Approval of New City-REDI Agreement

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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved item A with edits on Consent Agenda.

	<b>RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	David Myles, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

#### **11. FY 2022 Budget Worksession (Calendar, Surveys, Preview, GFOA Changes)**

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Director of Management and Budget/Deputy Director of Finance Stacey Webster provided an overview of the FY 2022 Budget Worksession (Calendar, Surveys, Preview, GFOA Changes).

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council review and comment on the following: 1) Public participation in the budget process, 2) Mayor and Council survey for communicating budget priorities, 3) Proposed budget calendar, 4) General Fund preview, 5) Government Finance Officers Association revision to the budget document award criteria.

##### **FURTHER DISCUSSION**

November 9, 2020 Agenda Item 11.

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**THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WENT INTO A BRIEF RECESS AT 8:33 P.M. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:44 P.M**

#### **12. Short-Term Rental Public Hearing: Potential Guidance & Regulations**

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City Manager Rob DiSpirito and Principal Planner Larissa Klevan presented a brief overview of short term rentals in Rockville.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council hold the public hearing to receive testimony on whether or not short-term residential rentals should be allowed; and, if so, how they should be regulated.

The Mayor and Council requested a second public hearing be held based on the late and limited notice to the public of this hearing.



Name
<b>Speaker by Computer</b>
Mike Stein President Twinbrook Community Association
B. Teixeira
Carol Hannaford

The complete testimony of this evening's speakers can be found in the official Public Hearing records located in the office of the City Clerk/Director of Council Operations. The Public Hearing closed at 9:08 p.m.

#### **FURTHER DISCUSSION**

November 9, 2020 Agenda Item 12.

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### **13. Comments from Selected Boards and Commissions on the Recreation and Parks Department Strategic Plan**

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Acting Deputy City Manager Tim Chesnutt and Vice President and Principal Consultant of PROS Consulting Neelay Bhatt, provided a brief overview from the comments received from the selected Boards and Commissions on the Recreation and Parks Department strategic plan.

Mr. Bhatt reviewed the 10 year plan, Rockville continues to be a growing and diverse City, and recreational parks will be largely unchanged.

Staff [R](#)-recommends that the Mayor and Council review and discuss the comments received from the selected Boards and Commissions on the Recreation and Parks Department Strategic Plan.

#### **FURTHER DISCUSSION**

November 9, 2020. Agenda Item 13.

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### **14. Review and Comment - Mayor and Council Action Report**

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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg proposed that the purchasing study response ~~be~~ moved to early March 2021.

#### 15. Review and Comment - Future Agendas

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The Mayor and Council reviewed Future Agendas.

#### 16. Old/New Business

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Councilmember David Myles proposed a Veterans Day Proclamation presented to the Rockville American Legion Lodge No. 86.

Councilmember Ashton proposed a Proclamation declaring November 2020 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month.

#### 17. Adjournment

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

	<b>RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala